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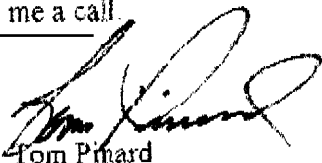
Wendy,

1 I recently concluded the highly successful Napalm Recovery Outreach Effort, this after a shaky start similar to what is occurring with your project. As a Captain in the Naval Reserve, I spent 15 months managing the community relations outreach efforts as the Navy fought off opposition of the movement of napalm from our Fallbrook storage facility to Texas and then on to Louisiana. The napalm is moving east on a regular schedule now, with over one-third of the controversial product safely moved with no visible opposition along the way.

Your project is going down the same road that the initial effort of the Dept. of the Navy moved along in early 1998. Before it is too late, you should be talking to those that have had the experience, moving trains through the same area that you are now receiving complaints from.

I am now retired from the Navy and am in a position to offer your effort the many years of community relations experience I have, not only in the Navy on a variety of matters, but as a 44 year active resident (business and elected official) of the high desert portion of San Bernardino County.

Obviously, I am watching your efforts daily in the headlines of our regional newspapers. Give me a call.



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